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WEST VIRGINIA CATTLE INVENTORY

Charleston, West Virginia – Cattle inventory in West Virginia as of January 1, 2021 totaled 375,000 head, down 20,000 head from the January 1, 2020 inventory. **All cows and heifers that have calved** totaled 195,000 head, down 10,000 head from January 1, 2020.

Comparing January 1, 2021 to January 1, 2020: **beef cows** that have calved totaled 190,000 head, down 9,000 head; **milk cows** that have calved totaled 5,000 head, down 1,000 head; **all heifers** 500 pounds and over totaled 56,000 head, down 3,000 head; **beef replacement heifers** totaled 32,000 head, down 2,000 head; **milk replacement heifers** totaled 2,000 head, down 1,000 head; **other heifers** totaled 22,000 head, unchanged; **steers** 500 pounds and over totaled 44,000 head, unchanged; **bulls** 500 pounds and over totaled 14,000 head, down 1,000 head; **calves less than 500 pounds** totaled 66,000 head, down 6,000 head. **Cattle on feed** for slaughter totaled 5,000 head, up 1,000 head from 2020.

The 2020 **calf crop** totaled 175,000 head, down 20,000 head from the 2019 calf crop.

United States – All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2021 totaled 93.6 million head, slightly below the 93.8 million head on January 1, 2020. **All cows and heifers that have calved**, at 40.6 million head, were slightly below the 40.7 million head on January 1, 2020.

Comparing January 1, 2021, to January 1, 2020: **beef cows** that have calved totaled 31.2 million head, down 1 percent; **milk cows** that have calved totaled 9.44 million head, up 1 percent; **all heifers** 500 pounds and over totaled 20.0 million head, slightly down; **beef replacement heifers** totaled 5.81 million head, up slightly; **milk replacement heifers** totaled 4.60 million head, down 2 percent; **other heifers** totaled 9.58 million head, up 1 percent; **steers** 500 pounds and over totaled 16.6 million head, up slightly; **bulls** 500 pounds and over totaled 2.21 million head, down 1 percent; **calves less than 500 pounds** totaled 14.2 million head, down 1 percent. **Cattle and calves on feed** for slaughter in all feedlots totaled 14.7 million head, slightly up. The combined total of **calves under 500 pounds and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds** (outside of feedlots) was 25.7 million head, down slightly.

The 2020 calf crop in the United States was estimated at 35.1 million head, down 1 percent from the previous year's calf crop. Calves born during the first half of 2020 were estimated at 25.8 million head, down 1 percent from the first half of 2019. Calves born during the second half of 2020 were estimated at 9.39 million head, 27 percent of the total 2020 calf crop.